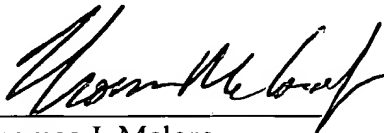


action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would advance prosecution of this case, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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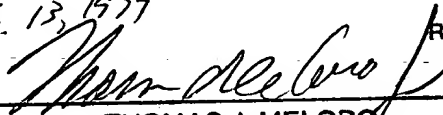
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